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Bad news on the electoral front

Facing four years of Bush

By Chris Bull

WASHINGTON — Chanting "44,000 Dead From AIDS, Where Was George?" ten members of MASS ACT OUT and ACT UP/Boston — some sporting Republican drag — Nov. 8 zapped the Massachusetts Republican victory party at the Westin Hotel's lavish Essex ballroom. The protesters quickly found themselves under attack — a familiar position for gay men and lesbians during this campaign season. Young Republicans for Bush, screaming "commies, commies," quickly surrounded the activists. Threatening to "beat the shit out of the liberals," the Republicans settled for shredding "AIDSGATE" and "SILENCE=DEATH" posters as the frightened protesters fled out of the room.

"I have not been so scared in a long time," said protester Julie Rioux. "They were like sharks on a feeding frenzy. We gave up our signs so they wouldn't attack us. Still, it was better than sitting home and yelling at the TV." Across the country, lesbian/gay and AIDS activists had little to celebrate. The defeat of Proposition 102, a repressive California ballot measure which would have eliminated anonymous HIV antibody testing, and the election of openly

gay Harry Britt to the presidency of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors (see story page 1), were two of the only bright spots of a generally bleak election day. In Oregon, openly gay Cal Anderson was elected to the state legislature. And in D.C., openly gay Tom Chortlon finished third out of eight candidates in what activists called an impressive first bid for a seat on the city council.

Many activists predicted the next four years will be very difficult for the lesbian and gay community. Floyd Dunn, a board member of the National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays (NCBLG) and the Detroit chapter of the Rainbow Coalition, told *GCN* "the election means we will spend at least the next four years engaged intensely in political activity to protect what little we have gained up to this point. We're in danger and we must support each other."

Dunn said the campaign was one of the most racist in recent memory. He blamed the Dukakis campaign for ignoring gay and Black voters until the last two weeks of the campaign when it was too late for him to catch up. He said NCBLG will continue to

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California defeats Prop. 102

But the other AIDS-phobic measure, Prop. 96, passes overwhelmingly

By Miranda Kolbe

SAN FRANCISCO — Lesbian and gay voters here faced a plethora of ballot choices Tuesday, including two statewide AIDS-related ballot propositions; two local propositions on the homeporting of the USS Missouri; 24 supervisorial candidates running for six slots on the Board of Supervisors, including lesbian Pat Norman and incumbent gay supervisor Harry Britt; and gay comic Tom Ammiano, who was a long-shot for Board of Education.

There were a total of 54 state and local ballot measures in addition to choices for local and state government representatives.

The lesbian and gay community voted in higher numbers than most other San Francisco constituencies, although not as high as in 1984, according to gay pollster David Binder. Most, about 88 percent, voted for Democrat Michael Dukakis for president, despite anger over his anti-gay foster care policy. Editorials in gay papers preceding the election had argued that a vote for Dukakis equalled a vote against Bush, and concern over AIDS appeared to propel most lesbians and gays to vote for the Democrats.

Probably the majority of gay and lesbian energy statewide went toward defeating Proposition 102. Sponsored by U.S. Rep William Dannemeyer (D-Calif.), Proposition 102 would have revoked anonymous HIV antibody testing and mandate contact tracing. Early jitters about the fate of this

proposition were abated early in the evening Tuesday, when polls showed voters deciding overwhelmingly against the proposition. A final tally found Proposition 102 going down



Harry Britt, president-elect of S.F. Board of Supervisors

by a three-to-two margin. "My fear," said Bruce Decker, who resigned this month from Gov. George Dukemejian's California AIDS Advisory Committee after the gover-

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AZT Protocol
005: Bad Ethics,
Bad Medicine

*drawings by
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Anti-gay measure passes in Oregon

Governor's executive order banning discrimination overturned by voters

By Betsy Brown

EUGENE, Ore. — With most of the state's votes tallied Oregon voters approved the anti-gay Ballot Measure 8 by a margin of 53 to 47 percent. The measure repeals Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's 1987 executive order which prohibited many state agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. Gay rights supporters gathered at "Election Central" at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene on election night had held out hope for the measure's defeat and declared the outcome "too close to call," but by press time it was clear the anti-gay measure had passed.

Working for gay and lesbian rights is a long-haul proposition, according to Laurie McClain of the Lane County steering committee of Oregonians for Fairness (OFF), which worked to defeat the anti-gay initiative. Anti-gay forces are persistent, McClain noted as she and other activists waited Tuesday night for the returns to come in. "Even if we've won, there'll be another ballot measure next year or the year after."

Like McClain, Harriet Merrick of Lane County OFF was involved in a futile attempt to save a gay rights law in Eugene 10 years ago. Voters repealed that law by a 3-2 margin. "We've obviously made a lot of progress," Merrick said, noting Lane County's rejection of Measure 8 and the close vote on the measure statewide.

In an interview with KMTR-TV, Phillip Ramsdell of the right-wing Oregon Citizens Alliance credited "hundreds and hundreds" of grassroots volunteers with helping to pass Ballot Measure 8. He said Oregonians "don't agree that homosexuality is normal and should be promoted by state law." Ramsdell insisted he believed in the right to privacy and didn't think homosexuals should be discriminated against.

During an earlier interview with another television station, Ramsdell was surrounded by angry lesbians and gay men who held

"No on 8" signs and chanted "Bigot! Bigot!" until he temporarily fled the hall. Lesbian and gay activists throughout the campaign have expressed anger at the nasty, queer-baiting tone of the "Yes on 8" campaign, and the "deliberately misleading, deliberately confusing" nature of the ballot measure itself.

In addition to repealing the governor's executive order, Measure 8 would prohibit any state official from acting to stop discrimination against state employees based on sexual orientation. Then, apparently contradicting itself, the measure includes language that allows officials to stop discrimination based on "nonjob related factors."

Proponents of the measure called themselves the "No Special Rights Committee," and claimed the measure favored gay, lesbian, and bisexual state employees over their heterosexual counterparts. They raised the specter of civil rights protection for child molesters and practitioners of bestiality. One flyer asked rhetorically "What do gays and lesbians, pedophiles, adulterers, fornicators and rapists have in common?" The answer was "Depravity, defilement, despair, disease (AIDS) and death."

Gov. Goldschmidt's executive order, issued in October 1987, forbade discrimination against heterosexuals, homosexuals, and bisexuals in the provision of state services, and in the hiring and treatment of state employees. It covered only those agencies under the governor's direct authority. The order did not apply to private companies doing business with the state, and it specifically ruled out affirmative action based on sexual orientation. It didn't apply to placement of children in foster care, although other state regulations do allow lesbians and gay men to become foster parents.

Ironically, Oregon voters turned down

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Whoopi Goldberg

Quote of the week

"Last year, after I went on the march on Washington, people said to me, 'What are you *doing*? They're gonna' think you're gay.' People think that already, because I hang out with a lot of women. There hasn't been a studio head I've worked for who hasn't come out and asked me if I'm a lesbian.... I say, 'Normally, this would be none of your business. However, I will answer you.' And I say, 'It's possible. I'm not *practicing* at the moment, but I will not say it will never happen or hasn't happened in my past.'"

— Actress Whoopi Goldberg, in *The Advocate*.

Woo continues battle with Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif. — Lesbian activist Merle Woo, in her continuing six-year battle for employment with the University of California at Berkeley (UCB), Nov. 1 charged the school with "delaying tactics" and "harassment" during the latest round of grievance hearings. According to the Merle Woo Defense Committee, UCB cancelled official arbitration scheduled for Nov. 1, claiming that its attorney was ill. UCB later admitted it was not prepared for the arbitration hearings.

Woo, a lecturer in Asian American Studies, has engaged in a series of legal battles with the university since she was fired in 1982. Woo has charged UCB with discrimination based on her race, sexual orientation and political viewpoint. She has been an outspoken critic of the university's investments in South Africa, anti-union activity and failure to comply with affirmative action guidelines.

"The only reason UCB is not prepared is because they do not have a case," said Nancy Kato, coordinator of the Merle Woo Defense Committee. "Their only recourse are bad faith actions which only strengthen our claims. UCB's continuing discrimination and retaliation are a hallmark of Merle's case since it first began."

In 1984, after lengthy negotiations, UCB paid Woo a settlement sum of \$48,000 and reinstated her for two years. UCB also promised Woo she would be treated the same as other lecturers and be given the right to a review for reappointment. However, in 1986 UCB refused to give her a reappointment review and fired her again. Since the firing, Woo claims the University has denied her due process in University of California-American Federation of Teachers (UCAFT) grievance procedures both by denying her right to grievance hearings and by using delaying tactics during the hearings. Woo said, "UC's latest attempt to throw a wrench into the grievance procedure clearly shows us that the Defense Committee, UCAFT, and our supporters are having an impact. This is a political case that affects all those who believe in freedom of speech. We will ensure that the issues in my case are tried in the community and the press, and not behind closed doors." The next grievance hearings for Woo are scheduled for Nov. 15 and 17.

□ Chris Bull

We're ba-a-a-a-c-k!

BOSTON — In what has become an annual event, a coalition of gay and lesbian civil rights activists will gather in front of the

State House on Nov. 14 to encourage immediate action on the gay civil rights bill, S.47.

The legislation, first introduced in 1973, has been reintroduced, debated and killed for the past sixteen years. In recent years opponents have resorted to delaying tactics and procedural manipulation to thwart the legislation, despite a majority of support in both houses. If passed, the bill would empower the Mass. Commission Against Discrimination to investigate and prosecute cases of anti-gay discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, credit and insurance.

S.47 is currently at the top of the list of items on the legislative calendar, and the rally has been called to encourage its quick passage. Scheduled speakers at the rally include Sen. Michael Barrett (D-Cambridge), co-sponsor of the bill; Rep. Mark Roosevelt, chief sponsor in the House; openly gay Boston City Councillor David Scodras; and Katherine Triantafyllou, co-chair of the Mass. Lesbian/Gay Bar Association.

□ Christopher Wittke

Gay rights also stalled in Athens

ATHENS, Ohio — Anti-discrimination protections for gay men and lesbians in Athens have been passed by the city council twice but have yet to be implemented. The Athens City Council voted 5-2 Sept. 19 to override Mayor Sara Hendrick's veto of an amendment adding sexual orientation to the city's anti-discrimination code, but a group of conservative Athenians have filed petitions to have the question put before Athens voters next year, jeopardizing implementation of the ordinance. If the petitions are certified by the Board of Elections, implementation of protections would be delayed pending the outcome of the referendum question to face voters in November of 1989.

The city code makes it illegal to discriminate in housing, public accommodations and employment. However, in regard to sexual orientation, the amendment exempts owner-occupied housing, religious schools and businesses with less than four employees.

Jan Griesinger, a proponent of the ordinance, told *GCN* that a group has formed in Athens to mount an educational campaign to make Athenians aware of the importance of protections for gay men and lesbians. She said the group, the Alliance for Protection of Human Rights and Equality will work with other lesbian and gay groups to assure passage of the measure, should it come before the voters.

□ Jennifer Fechner

Mass. Public Health Dept. sponsors alcohol/drug awareness events for women

BOSTON — The Mass. Department of Public Health (DPH) is observing Nov. 13-20 as Women's Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week to draw attention to the special problems faced by women with addictions. There will be a statewide, day-long conference for health and human service professionals entitled "Women and Substance Abuse: Understanding the Myths and Realities" on Nov. 16 in Waltham.

Several other events are scheduled for Greater Boston, Northeastern, Southeastern, Central, and Western Massachusetts. For a regional schedule or more information on the week in general, contact Janice Hayes at DPH, (617) 727-8614.

□ Judy Harris

Landmark custody victory for father with AIDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Artie Wallace, a gay father who has AIDS, was granted custody of his nine-year-old son by San Bernadino Superior Court. The case is the nation's first court ruling to grant custody of a child to a parent with AIDS.

Wallace's attorney, Roberta Achtenberg of the Lesbian Rights Project, said the case could influence other custody cases: "By getting the word out about this tremendous victory, some judge someplace else may find it a little bit easier to do what's right in making a custody decision on behalf of a gay parent or a parent with AIDS," said Achtenberg, adding that the case would also strengthen the efforts on behalf of gay foster parents.

Wallace described the court battle for custody to the *Bay Area Reporter*: "Last December, my lawyers and I had spent nine months in one court hearing after another trying to explain that gay parents can be good parents, and people with AIDS who can physically care for their children should be allowed to do so."

BAR reports that although Wallace and his former wife are now "friendly," the nearly two-year-long case was not amicable. Eight months ago, Wallace's former wife Julia Wallace violated a court order and abducted the couple's son and went to Arizona. The *BAR* report said Julia Wallace is "a fundamentalist with strong homophobic beliefs," who thought Wallace posed a health risk to their son, Shawn. The FBI and a private investigator found Shawn and returned him to his father's care. Julia Wallace received a suspended sentence for attempted kidnapping and is currently following the court's visitation orders.

In June Wallace was awarded custody of Shawn through 1989. At that time custody will go to Julia Wallace for one year. Custody will thereafter alternate yearly depending upon Wallace's ability to care for Shawn.

□ Jennifer Fechner

Judge drops charges against Westin 5

BOSTON — Municipal Court Judge Charles Johnson Oct. 27 dismissed trespassing and disorderly conduct charges against five gay men arrested while participating in an ACT UP/Boston demonstration at the Westin Hotel. The men — Chris Bull, Robert England, Christopher Jarvinen, Mike Friedman and Tom Reeves — were among over 200 protesters jamming the Copley Square sidewalks to denounce the honoring of Bernard Cardinal Law by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith. The "Westin 5" infiltrated a ballroom full of Cardinal Law supporters and chanted "42,000 Dead of AIDS, Where Was Cardinal Law?" several times before they were roughly dragged off and handcuffed by plain-clothed Boston police officers.

Richard Iandoli, attorney for the five, told the judge the men were engaging in a civil rights demonstration and were prepared to leave after speaking out. The prosecuting attorney and Iandoli agreed as a compromise to ask the judge for a "continuance without a finding" on the disorderly conduct charge, which would have entailed six months of probation and a \$50 fine for each of the men. The Westin Hotel agreed to drop the trespassing charge.

But after listening to statements by Iandoli and a police officer involved in the arrest, the judge overruled both attorneys, and dismissed the disorderly conduct charge, pending a \$15 contribution to a victim assistance fund on the part of each defendant. Iandoli expressed surprise at the decision: "It is extremely rare that a judge goes beyond an agreement between the DA and the defense to find in favor of protesters." Reeves agreed, "The judge was clearly making a statement by dropping the charge." According to Reeves, the Boston Police Department is notoriously protective of the Cardinal and were therefore reluctant to drop the charges even though they did not have a strong case. The police department refused to comment on the case.

Reeves said the Westin 5 was disappointed that more lesbian and gay lawyers were not willing to take their case on a pro bono (free) basis. Iandoli was found only after a long search. ACT UP/Boston is also experiencing difficulty finding a lawyer to represent seven members arrested Oct. 24 at the John Hancock building (see *GCN*, Vol. 16, No. 16). Reeves advocated creating a pool of lawyers from non-profit legal groups such as Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) and the National Lawyers Guild to help represent the growing number of people who are likely to be arrested as AIDS activism becomes more militant.

□ Jennie McKnight

AIDS legal services project in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — The AIDS Legal Resource Project of the Texas Human Rights Foundation has installed a statewide toll-free AIDS Legal Assistance Line, 1-800-828-6417. The service provides legal assistance and attorney referral to persons with AIDS, ARC and HIV infection.

The project is designed to complement local AIDS legal service committees and serve areas of the state lacking these services. Free legal services are available for those meeting income eligibility requirements. The range of legal problems includes employment, housing, insurance, access to health care, estate planning, public benefits, bankruptcy and personal finance management.

The project will provide training and support for attorneys participating in the referral network. The training offers workshops and resource materials on applicable areas of law, and will address the need for sensitivity in serving clients who have AIDS.

Attorneys who wish to participate may write to the Texas Human Rights Foundation, Council of Cooperating Attorneys, 2201 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 203, Austin, TX 78705. Contributions to the AIDS Legal Resource Project should be marked "ALRP" and mailed to the address above.

□ Jennifer Fechner

'Coming out' resources for prisoners

Gay and lesbian prisoners, who are inside for reasons arising mainly out of poverty and racial discrimination/frustration, are treated with much more contempt than those of us out here in 'minimum security': both inside (fewer jobs, less physical safety & more parole requirements) and outside (many halfway houses won't accept gays).

This is especially true for those gay/lesbian prisoners who are upfront about who they are. This can happen in prisons because 'our community' is so indifferent to, and thus is ignorant about, the enormous power of prison bureaucracy over people's lives (The law/court bureaucracy is another story.)

Help *GCN* support these people's coming back into our midst (as basically all of them do!) by sending us up-to-date tips on AIDS Service Groups with prisoner education/support teams, job & training opportunities, low-cost temporary housing, and any other info that could be useful to someone coming out with the stigma "ex-con." (Imagine for a moment trying to set yourself up in a new town with little or no \$\$ and just out of the joint.) Better yet, let us hear that we can refer people in your area to you for such info!

Also, books (both educational & others) are harder to get in prisons, where 'libraries' (such as they were) are being converted to dorms when enough money can't be scared out of legislators to build new prisons. Ask your local gay/lesbian/lefty bookstore about the chance of putting a box there for people to leave books they've already read & will donate to a prisoner (& even a jar for postage \$!) This is a small project that gets you much gratitude from prisoners (who are driven a bit 'mad' stuck in a cage with nothing to do much of the time) and makes the prisoners feel less abandoned and thus less 'scared' about the coming transition back to the free world, or "minimum custody", as they say. And it's easily done on a once-a-month basis. Write *GCN* for details if you like.

Most gay/lesbian newspapers don't even respond with a polite "Sorry..." to prisoners who ask for penpal ads or to express themselves in letters. How about writing your local rag about this. If they want to hear more about *GCN*'s experience with the Prisoner Project, just have them write us. Thanks!

Note to prisoners: You too can let us hear about groups that have helped you or friends of yours get started back outside. Let us hear about them, so we can pass the word along.

□ Mike Riegler

No surprises in local races

By Gordon Gottlieb

BOSTON — Gay and lesbian rights proponents in Massachusetts woke up Wednesday morning to a mixed bag of election returns in local and state elections. Local pundits suggest that what few changes occurred will have minimal impact on a gay/lesbian or progressive agenda.

Following a national tendency, incumbents tended to win out, regardless of their politics or personal life. In Massachusetts this meant that the only two openly gay members of Congress — Rep. Barney Frank (D-Newton) and Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Cape Cod) — easily defeated their Republican challengers. The 1988 election marked the first race Frank had in which his constituents knew the four-term representative was gay, yet he had no difficulty in beating Debra Tucker. Frank's homosexuality was not an issue, although Tucker made frequent references to family issues, suggesting she was more capable of addressing them.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, a sponsor of the federal lesbian/gay civil rights bill, won a fifth term, easily defeating his rival, Republican Joseph Malone.

At the state level, the November election brought few changes. In this heavily Democratic state, close races tend to occur in the primary. In two closely-watched contests, Democrats were pitted against independent candidates. In Cambridge, Rep. Sandra Graham lost the Democratic primary in September to Alvin Thompson, when she failed to actively campaign. She then ran a sticker campaign as an independent, but lost 38 percent to Thompson's 62 percent. Gay and lesbian voters in the district were split over whom to support and endorsement letters for both candidates were circulated in local papers.

"The lesbian and gay community and the movement appears to have lost one of our strongest, long-time allies at the State House," said Graham booster Michael



U.S. Rep. Barney Frank holds seat

Scully. "Despite Thompson's last-minute pitch to the lesbian/gay community, I have not doubt that the vast majority of us put stickers on for Sandra." Other constituents claimed Graham was not the fiery advocate she was earlier in her career, so they supported Thompson, a Cambridge school official. Both candidates in the multi-racial, heavily gay and lesbian district are Black.

In a key race for pro-choice advocates, Rep. Paul White (D-Dorchester) defeated abortion rights advocate Gerald Angelin, who ran as an independent. White has been a leader in the anti-abortion movement in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He has a mixed record on gay/lesbian issues, simultaneously supporting the lesbian/gay rights bill and Gov. Michael Dukakis' homophobic foster care policy. Angelin was able to build upon the political organization that coalesced around Kevin McFadden, a gay man from Dorchester, who challenged state Sen. Joseph Walsh in a previous election. Walsh, an entrenched homophobe, decided not to run for election in 1988, opening up his seat.

Anti-nuclear power advocates lost in their referendum effort to close down two nuclear power plants. Referendum opponents, who were funded primarily by utilities, mounted an extensive advertising campaign to the extent that "No on 4" ads ran in many newspapers state-wide including *Gay Community News*. □

The case against placebos in AIDS drug trials

Protocol 005 shows how bad ethics lead to bad science

By Steve Rose

On October 8, at the ACT NOW Teach-In in Washington, the Treatment and Data Collection Subcommittee of ACT UP/NY gave a dazzling and substantive mini-course entitled "FDA Update." Conducted by Jim Eigo and Mark Harrington, the presentation was designed to give activists a solid understanding of the issues that led to the selection of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a target of protest. Many of those issues concern the clinical trial system — the manner in which AIDS drugs are tested in vivo (in human beings) — because participating in the system is often the only way people with HIV infection can obtain life-prolonging drugs. One

trial. Protocol 005 was originally designed for a total nationwide cohort of 315 subjects, and was to be carried out in small groups around the country monitored by various AIDS Clinical Trial Group hospitals. Subjects were to be randomly placed into three groups: Placebo Control, Low Dose (200 mg. AZT) and High Dose (400 mg. AZT).

It is especially ironic that the design included a dosage comparison in addition to a placebo group, because the former is what activists and many health care advocates say should *replace* placebo comparisons. Also urged as replacements for placebo-controlled studies are comparative studies



AZT

of the most well-known AIDS activist demands in this area is the call for an end to the use of placebo-controlled studies for people with life-threatening illnesses.

Obviously, there is a humanitarian reason for protesting this use of placebos: people fighting for their very survival and in desperate need of treatment should not be forced to take sugar pills in a game of medical Russian Roulette. But there are practical reasons for doing away with placebo controls as well.

Researchers argue that comparing a "placebo control" group with a group on "real drug" is the fastest, "cleanest" way to obtain useful data. But in the case of AIDS, this has not proved to be the case. People with AIDS have, from the onset, been reluctant to enroll in placebo-controlled studies, and when enrolled, have had a tendency to "cheat" — to concurrently obtain treatment on the black market in case they are in fact on placebo. They have also had an overwhelming tendency to drop out of trials, either to obtain treatment elsewhere or because they simply could not withstand the stress of placebo-controlled trials.

Activists argue that PWAs are not cooperating for sound reasons — clearly, obtaining real treatment is a valid enough one — and that the entire drug evaluation process is being hopelessly slowed down by what amounts to bad ethics and bad science. Over the course of the past year, two NIAID (National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) trials in particular have come to light as examples of the *worst* kind of science. One is a pediatric AIDS trial of intravenous gamma globulin in which *all* of the children in the placebo group died. Two hundred more were slated to be put on placebo until Iris Long, a drug researcher and member of the Treatment and Data Subcommittee of ACT UP/NY, intervened. The other is the now infamous Protocol 005, in which I was an enrolled subject. It was carried out as a placebo-controlled trial of AZT in people with HIV Central Nervous System (CNS) infection.

Eigo and Harrington often refer to 005 when discussing placebo issues because it is a classic example of flawed protocol design. Long identified it as the "most inhumane in the country" in her March 1988 review of NIAID trials, and kept it on the top of her "hit list" until she came across the pediatric

between different drugs and historical models based on computerized data.

In the case of Protocol 005, not only might those of us who were subjects be randomly placed on placebo, but we might also be randomly assigned to a dosage high enough to be extremely toxic. This three-way Russian Roulette game would last for 16 weeks; after the first arm of the study was over, all subjects would be randomly placed onto either high or low dose of "real drug." The protocol was *double-blind*, meaning that neither patients nor doctors were to know who was on what dosage or placebo.

What is truly amazing about this trial is that it was designed to monitor the usefulness of AZT in clearing up the effects of HIV on *brain functions*. The participants would be evaluated in part based on psychiatric interviews. Needless to say, with three guns pointed at our heads, many of us didn't score too well with the shrinks.

It is important to note here that, when the trial was opened for enrollment — with the first subject entering on July 17, 1987 — AZT was not otherwise available for anyone with a T-cell count above 200. Most of us seeking AZT to combat CNS infection had T-cell counts above that, and therefore could not obtain the drug elsewhere. Many had obvious symptoms of CNS infection: encroaching paralysis, loss of motor control, speech impairment, excruciating headaches. CNS infection is not the same for everyone, but it often attacks the areas of the brain that control body movement, and eventually leads to coma and death if not treated. So there appeared to be no choice: 005 or no AZT. In spite of that, because of the cruelty of the protocol design, only 37 of us enrolled.

By July of 1988 — roughly one year after the first subject enrolled — only five subjects remained in 005. Thanks to the loud protestations of AIDS activists in Boston and New York and testimony to a Congressional committee by Iris Long, 005 was closed to new enrollment. What became of the 32 patients who dropped out — or died — is a mystery, with the exception of myself (My condition improved after leaving the study.) and one ACT UP/New Jersey member who is reputed to be filing a lawsuit.

Issues regarding misdiagnosis aside (many suspect that subjects were "overdiagnosed")

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Will D.C. comply with Congress?

Some activists urge the city council to defy homophobic, anti-abortion regulations imposed by feds

By John Zeh

WASHINGTON — Angry lesbian and gay activists continue to pressure the City Council of the District of Columbia to defy congressional actions overturning D.C. laws and practices. Before the 100th Congress adjourned in October, it passed legislation that: requires the D.C. City Council to amend its human rights ordinance so that religious institutions are exempt from its gay rights clause; overturns existing strict regulations barring insurance companies from testing applicants for HIV antibodies; prohibits the use of federal and local funds for abortions in the District; and eliminates the residency requirement for city employees.

In 1974 Congress passed a "Home Rule" charter that granted the District some powers of self-governance — including the establishment of a city council and executive branch. But Congress retained its authority to oversee all spending and legislative practices in the city, and as a result, has the power to overturn city laws and limit funding for city services. Residents of the District have no voting representation in Congress.

While some lesbian and gay activists in D.C. have decided not to take a confrontational approach to fighting the congressional actions, a direct action group, OUT!, has demanded that the council defy the federal legislators.

"We expect to turn out large numbers of people at the Council's Nov. 15 meeting who support our understanding that the District is not a colony," said OUT! spokesperson Linda Royster. "We're taking a firm line, while (others) feel some negotiation ought to happen around less stringent and less public a position." OUT! has staged

several protests since it formed about a month after the October 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

After heated debate Oct. 17, the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club defeated a proposal for "immediate" protests but approved club officers' authority to choose a range of actions from demonstrations to continued behind-the-scenes work. President Herb Schultz promised the club also will work with other groups opposing the cuts in abortion funding.

OUT!'s Royster and six other activists stood up at the Oct. 25 council session and said "No compromise! No sell-out! Defy Congress!" One demonstrator, Gerald Green, held a sign urging the Council to "Just say no" to changes in the human rights law that would exempt religious schools from the ban on discrimination against homosexual groups. Green also expressed opposition to changes in the insurance law, and "to politicians who sacrifice conscience to convenience!"

"We are not your enemy," replied Council Chair David Clarke (D-At Large) before the protesters were ejected by police. "We know that," said Sue Hyde of OUT! "but you are our elected legislative body and you have the power to decide to defy Congress."

On Nov. 3 the council filed suit against the federal government challenging the Armstrong Amendment — the measure requiring the District to amend its human rights law — sponsored by William Armstrong (R-Colo.). The amendment comes on the heels of a federal court decision that found Georgetown University — a Jesuit school — in violation of the D.C. law be-

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AIDS, prisoners and all of us

PWAs in atrocious and iniquitous conditions

Dear GCN:

This correspondence concerns (some) of the atrocious and iniquitous (mental and emotional) conditions that PWAs (Prisoners with AIDS) continuously suffer inside the confining walls of the Federal Bureau of Prisons that are fully acquiescently condoned, encouraged and applauded by the high executive administrators in Washington and individual prisons.

1) Medical Treatment(s) that boost and enhance the immune system are unavailable. Medical and psychological staff is uncaring and unsympathetic when prisoners request help. The only form of psychological counseling that PWAs receive is a short conversation with the psychologist which is conducted at the PWAs cell door, allowing other prisoners to overhear their verbally expressed feelings of despair and desolation. No form of therapeutic or nutritional counseling is offered and to this writer's knowledge it is totally non-existent in the system.

PWAs that continue to request some form of treatment are relegated into the hole (oubliette)[isolation]. Once this relegation is imposed and treatment is still requested, the medical staff state with an attitudinized air of deliberate indifference that since they asked for treatment they have received it (the hole) and walk away petulantly laughing.

2) PWAs that utilize adjudication and public-awareness-muckraking are transferred from prison to prison in an attempt to hinder, thwart and obstruct such activities. Then some PWAs that engage in these lawful and non-disruptive avenues to air their grievances are placed into cells with aggressively violent prisoners in order to encourage these litigants to totally halt their activities. These are retaliatory maneuverments instituted by the executive administrators and carried out by their subordinates, which is unlawful.

3) As with this writer, they have continuously placed me in positions where I have been assaulted, systematically placed in extremely aggravated stressful situations and after refusing to efficaciously ameliorate my situation, even when I explained the causation of my trepidation, I attempted suicide. Now, even though they have moved me from that hostile situation, they have not discontinued their mental and emotional torture. They have placed prisoners in cells next to mine that bang on the wall, hollering "AIDS QUEER, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!" And allowing and condoning other prisoners that are throwing objects and unknown liquids at my cell (of course, the guards never see anything).

4) As the administrators are fully aware, I have filed a class action suit (CV-88-1445) in the U.S. District Court, Scranton, PA, which is readily available from Ms. Judy Greenspan of the ACLU Prison Project,

1616 P St NW, Washington DC 20036. I am being impeded now in my access to the law library and desperately need legal help, to file a class certification, motion and brief.

[Prisoner Project note: Federal Prisoners (only) who are interested in 'joining' this suit charging that the Federal Bureau of Prisons is not 'in conformity with community standards' in its medical care for prisoners with AIDS/ARC/HIV positive status should write to Chief Judge William J. Nealon, Jr., PO Box 1148, Scranton, PA 18051, mentioning the lawsuit number: CV-88-1445.]

5) This must stop! Surely at least one person out there can assist me. The readers of this must remember that this is part of the plutocratic Republican Party Agenda to further oppress the people that are politically and judicially active in opposition to their ideas.

6) Anything that you might do will assist me, whether phone calls, letters, or media exposure. It will be sincerely appreciated!

Respectfully yours,
Kenneth M. Young
39831-080
PO Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA 17837

URGENT! PWA prisoners need our help

Dear GCN:

Once in a while somebody writes a letter to the editor at GCN suggesting that the paper's prisoner outreach project might not be as important as it seems. I was a skeptic once, and decided to answer a letter from a prisoner. What I discovered was that GCN is a lifeline. Our brothers and sisters need us, and many are facing grizzly realities most of us will never know.

I wrote to a fellow named Nathaniel Barnes, who was offering ship models, made by himself and his brothers with AIDS to raise money for radios — yes, radios. PWA's in prison are often put in solitary confinement, and the idea here is to provide some comfort, some link with the rest of the world, to those who are bravely facing death alone. When my ship arrived — Nathaniel sent it on credit — I was amazed, moved, delighted, and very proud. It is quite amazing — a real ship of hope. I am no longer a skeptic, but I am frightened: prisoners with AIDS are being treated like shit. They need our help.

Nathaniel Barnes — from the inside, with little help — has emerged in my mind as one of our leaders. He maintains an affiliation with MACT (Men of All Colors Together), has created the Tremblay AIDS Education Program, named after a correspondent here in Boston, and continues to build and sell his finely crafted ship models.

In his most recent letter he enclosed some copies of letters to the ACLU, with whom he is trying to get the Tremblay project off the ground. It is designed to disseminate much-needed AIDS information to both

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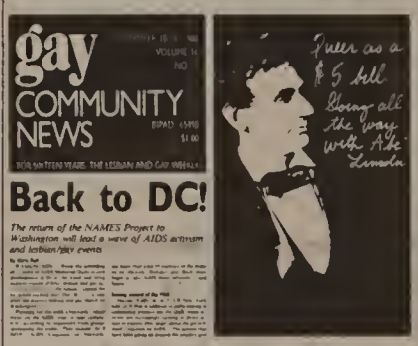
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health-care providers and prisoners. It looks like a solid plan. I urge *GCN's* readers to support Nathaniel's courage and ingenuity.

To order a ship model, send a POSTAL money order for \$30.00 to: Nathaniel Barnes, 136238, E-11, 100 Warrior Lane, Bessemer, AL 35023. The money order *must* say 'Boat', and it must be a Postal money order. If you prefer to simply donate, mark the money order 'Tremblay Fund'.

We fussed and politicked in Washington like crazy about 'outreach' to this and that 'minority' and all of a sudden, it's amazingly clear: our brothers and sisters are *close* to our hearts. Let's get moving and take care of *our own* right away.

Sincerely and Urgently,
Steve Rose
PWA, Boston, MA

Stick one on the cheek of my ass?

Dear *GCN*:

The Bureau of Prisons has *once again* compromised my medical confidentiality, because of the policy allowing them to place 'AIDS' and 'Blood and Body Fluid Precaution' stickers all over my central file, my door, and my name on the Bulletin Board!

I'm surprised they don't stick one on the cheek of my ass. Fools. (Let 'em try!)

As a result of this, I've been locked up in the 'hole' [isolation] again because I'm violating policy by: 'posing a threat to the good order of this institution.' Inmates, I suppose are worried that I'm going around dripping AIDS all over the place. Now they're telling me that I can't stay here either, after having transferred me around and back through Alabama, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Tennessee, each stop ranging from 1 week to a few months, since November '87. I'm thinking of getting those Tacky fill-in-the-name letters (no offence anyone!) to notify penpals (Tom and others) of my moves.

This 'bus therapy' is one of the Bureau of Prison's ways of keeping us out of touch with our mail, which we aren't allowed to receive during transit, and which then often gets 'lost' along with our other stuff as well. This 'therapy' also makes it hard to pursue lawsuits against the system, because you can't be in touch with the lawyers or judges the suits were filed with.

When I try to look at the lighter side of this situation, I get a chuckle thinking of how many times Mike at *GCN* has had to go into his list and put a new address for me. He makes certain I get the *GCN* though. (smile)

The hole is still drab yellow. But instead of being able to call home once a week (collect), now it's once a month. That news came today from Mr. Tickle, the counselor here. He's not funny at all.

Damn this craziness!
Jim Wagner
38670-019
PO Box 34550
Memphis, TN 38184

Marines imprison lesbians

GCN received a copy of this letter by Barbara Baum, who was convicted by the Marine Corps earlier this year for "sodomy, obstruction of justice, and indecent acts with women." Since 1981, 372 marines have been discharged because they were lesbian or gay. Forty-two women are currently under investigation for violating the military's restrictions on sodomy and homosexuality. This letter was forwarded to us by Cliff Arnesen, President of the N.E. Gay and Lesbian Veterans. The letter was originally sent to the San Diego Veterans Association.

Dear Jim:

I would like to sincerely thank you for your letter and the support you and others have expressed. It means so much to myself and the other two women who are here for this. So many times, we have all felt as though we had been forgotten or that no one really cared what the Marine Corps has done to us. I still find it hard to believe that I am sitting in jail as a convicted felon because of my sexual preference. What happened to this being "America, the land of the free?" I have spent nearly five months here now, and I'm just not sure if any amount of media coverage can get the Marine Corps to back off this. The Corps is so busy worrying about their image that they will probably never admit they were wrong in doing this to us. I can only pray that your group and the

National Organization for Women may be able to help in some way and even if your efforts aren't successful in helping to get us released, we are so very grateful to know that we have your support. That in itself means more than you know. We are not criminals, Jim. We are human beings, who only tried to be loved and to love someone, but because of that, we sit here today, treated as hardened criminals.

After being here almost five months, I've learned to adjust to the restricted environment. I long for the day, however, when I will finally be free to do the things I miss so much. Each day that passes brings me closer to that freedom.

Again, I want to thank you for your letter, and please pass on to everyone on Veteran's Day how very much we appreciate everyone's thoughts and efforts. I pray that all of us together can put a stop to this injustice and witch hunt at Parris Island. Take care and please let us know how things go on November 11.

[Contact Barbara through Barry Bos, 1607 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 234-7635. Letters of protest can be sent to this address, or to Sen. Alan Cranston, 112 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, or Hon. Frank Carlucci, Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301. For more information about N.E. Lesbian and Gay Veterans, contact Cliff Arnesen, (617) 723-8127.]

Very sincerely,
Barbara Baum
Parris Island, S.C.

Amazing Hartford

Dear *GCN*:

I just want to take this opportunity to publicly thank you for your coverage of the Richard Reihl case here in Hartford [*GCN*, Oct. 2-8, 1988]. I am new to the area, just moved from Washington, and have been impressed with the energy and organization of Hartford's lesbian and gay community.

Although I have only attended one meeting so far, I have been overwhelmed by the determination and oneness of Hartford's community. As the article indicated, there are many different voices being heard in this community, some traditional, some militant. And that's wonderful. Women and men and blacks and whites and Hispanics all work together. I'm pleased that *GCN* has let the nationwide lesbian and gay community know what a thriving influential community Hartford has. For a city as small as it is, it's amazing. I'm glad to be here. Thanks again, *GCN*.

In sisterhood,
Alyssha Sharon
Hartford, Conn.

South Asian lesbian network

Dear *GCN*:

There are a number of South Asian lesbians in the U.S. and they appear to be an ever-widening circle. However, no structured means of networking exists among us. Those of us who know each other met by chance. Therefore there is a very strong need for a network that would enable us to meet, share resources and deal with issues concerning us as South Asian lesbians. Anyone interested in forming a South Asian Lesbian Network in the East Coast or nationally should call (201) 772-2161 after 7 p.m. or write to: Poonam, P.O. Box 3048, New York, NY 10008.

Poonam
New York, N.Y.

New GCN Policy on Letters and Speaking Outs

Community Voices is such a successful forum for readers' views that *GCN* finds itself with more than a one month backlog of letters and columns. We remain committed to printing every letter to the editor that we receive, and want to ensure that letters and columns continue to be timely and lively.

So, beginning in November, *GCN* will only accept letters to the editor that are no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages and Speaking Outs that are no longer than four typed, double-spaced pages.

AIDS Action: A critique of exclusivity and competition

By Laurie Livingston, Ed.D

On October 5, I resigned from the Board of Directors of the AIDS Action Committee (AAC). I had been with AIDS Action for four years, as a Mental Health subcommittee volunteer, as Co-chair of Mental Health, as a member of the first Board of Directors and, after re-election to the Board last January, as Vice President of the Board.

My reason for writing is to encourage public debate and, I hope, ultimate rejection of "exclusivity" and competition in our battle with HIV. The only way that we will succeed is through *open*, respectful dialogue, *true* partnership and *consistent* support for a wide variety of approaches. More groups than ever before now do various forms of battle against HIV, yet AAC leaders focus ever more inward, concentrating on efficiency, fundraising, and maintenance of existing political connections. While I am deeply disappointed at this progression, I realize that AAC necessarily has its limits, is very good at what it does, cannot be everything to everyone, and has every right not to share my perspective.

But what I think we should not accept from the AAC leadership and what prompts me to open a more public debate are the ways in which AAC, as a powerful "AIDS service organization," through "exclusion" discourages coalition-building and complementary strengths in other people and organizations.

Two examples come to mind: AAC's interaction with its progressive volunteer group, the Multicultural Concerns Committee (MCC) and AAC's reaction to MASS ACT OUT and ACT UP/Boston. AAC badly mishandled its relationship with MCC and had to resort to Board intervention when AAC leadership ignored a position paper prepared by MCC. Of most concern, however, was the more subtle undermining of MCC when some Board members confronted the Executive Director and other staff on the issue. MCC was criticized for not knowing what AAC was doing in communities of color and for its lack of hierarchical organization. Who is responsible for communicating what AAC does? MCC was never made part of the "insider loop" of information at AAC and was criticized for exactly that. AAC could have encouraged a partnership but instead caused a bitter division which is only beginning to be repaired by efforts of MCC and certain staff members in communities of color.

AAC also discourages coalition-building with more "militant" organizations like MASS ACT OUT and ACT UP/Boston. After AAC leaders met with ACT UP, ACT UP was said to have some good points but was dismissed as "disorganized." More disturbingly, AAC chose to write a letter in support of Mass. General Hospital when it was the site of an ACT UP protest to publicize the need for drugs by people with AIDS (PWAs). And the response of AAC to the week of demonstrations by ACT OUT/ACT UP last spring was to send Board members to try to change the name given the week, "AIDS Actions," so that AAC would not be implicated in what "they" were doing.

At times AAC exclusivity is more subtle. Who is served, I wonder, when AAC staff, quoted in the media, define AIDS as a "public health issue" not a "political issue?" This epidemic has been politicized since day one; in a racist, sexist, homophobic society how could AIDS be nonpolitical? The truth is that AAC is heavily involved in "mainstream" politics and should admit this, not condemn groups with *different* politics as "too political." AAC would be well-advised to work toward solidarity with groups who can be more daring and progressive.

AAC hiring practices and fundraisers reveal another side to exclusivity: exclusion of those who differ, whether in color, gender or financial status. Consider that only one senior staff is a person of color and that for years there has been only one woman on senior staff. Consider that only one month ago the Board had to mandate that one of four new senior staff be a person

of color. And consider that AAC fundraisers rarely cost less than \$25 (ArtCetera is \$50 and AID and Comfort \$250).

Perhaps the most serious consequence of AAC's failure to "include" more outspoken advocates of PWAs, people with ARC, or people who are antibody positive is the widening gulf between AAC leadership and AAC clients. No PWA/ARC/antibody positive person has been found to fill a Board seat vacant since June. Certainly, some may be interested but too ill, fatigued, or overcommitted to serve. But I believe this to be the most devastating effect of AAC's "exclusivity": alienation from the very people we seek to serve.

Some may wonder why I left AAC rather than stay to fight for my beliefs. In the past two years I have learned to fight for my issues with few allies, none consistently by my side. Yet if there *really* was *open* discussion within AAC I might have stayed. What the community needs to know is that AAC is run *exclusively* by the Executive Director, senior staff, and a handful of carefully groomed "insiders." Though AAC's Mission Statement calls for a "partnership" between staff and volunteers, the "volunteer board" (Coordinating Committee) has been stripped of all policy input and the Board of Directors (which supposedly sets AAC policy) is totally ignored by the Executive Director and staff.

For example, a recent reorganization mandating a two-thirds staff expansion was presented to the Board *after* adoption by the staff. The day after the Board moved to review the plan thoroughly before any new hiring, 17 positions were posted at AAC, roughly half of which were not approved by the Board.

Boards exist in "nonprofits" because the staff, who are necessarily self-serving, naturally need "checks and balances." To continue on the Board is to further mislead the community into thinking these safeguards exist.

The challenge to us is to find new ways to join together to put an end to AIDS. Let AAC and all others stand together, stating openly who they are and what they stand for, without apology or fear of reprisal...and with the belief that we can end this epidemic.

Laurie Livingston is a psychologist and past member of the Board of Directors of Boston's AIDS Action Committee.

Hello/goodbye

With this issue we officially welcome our fabulous new reporter, Judy Harris, to the sparkling, luxurious offices of *GCN*. We're sure she'll become a familiar sight about town, digging up leads with her notebook in hand, and helping us gather as much news as we can possibly cram into our pages!

But wait, does this mean we have to say so long to savvy Elizabeth Pincus? Will we ever find out if she was the one and only "Muffinhead" so often referred to in our Personals column? We may never know, but we do know that we're going to miss the glistening, twinkling, effervescent prose stylings that E.P. brought to these pages. Her influence will be felt in our use of adjectives for years to come. Au revoir, Elizabeth, we miss you!

Halloween Thank You

GCN thanks the United Fruit Company, Red Shades, d.j.s Kevin Porter and Anie Friend, Daisy, Eduardo, and the Boston Food Coop for our fabulous Halloween party. A portion of the proceeds will go to Nicaragua Material Aid.



Miguel Henao, 1943-1988

By Robin Shore

BOSTON — Miguel A. Henao died on July 11, 1988, at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He made his home in Stoughton, Mass., and would have been 45 on Aug. 2. Among friends and family Miguel leaves his lover of 5 years, Joe, his best friends Laura and Robin and his dog Lucas. □

Now We Are Three

Miguel.

I surround myself in your jean jacket, trying hopelessly to surround myself in you.

Nothing is the same.

We walk our favorite path in the woods,

Robin leads the way

Joe brings up the rear

me in the middle

feeling protected,

yet alone.

It should be them leading the way —

You and I trail behind

laughing at some moment the dogs have

shared,

or exchanging a glance with a knowing

smile.

There's a hole here in my life —

In my heart.

An emptiness that was once full.

An ache that unlike you my friend,

will never die.

L.M.

California

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nor endorsed Proposition 102, "is that when the legislature reconvenes, we will see Son of 102 reintroduced. We will do this all over again."

"It's difficult to celebrate the wasting of hundreds of thousands — even millions — of dollars fighting this senseless and clearly ill-conceived initiative," Decker said. The other AIDS-related ballot measure, Proposition 96, faced much less opposition. Early in the campaign, state-wide AIDS activists decided to campaign exclusively against Prop. 102, fearing that linking the fight against the propositions would result in both of their passage. Proposition 96 requires HIV antibody testing for those charged but not convicted of sex-related crimes and those interfering with the duty of police, firefighters or emergency medical personnel. It also allows mandatory testing of prisoners and the release of test results to those working near prisoners.

Proposition 96 passed overwhelmingly and garnered some support even among San Francisco's gay and lesbian voters. Pollster Binder said there was a gap between votes against 102 and votes against 96 with far fewer gays and lesbians voting against the latter. Because of the lack of publicity about 96, many gay men and lesbians did not understand the proposition on Election Day.

Gay supervisor Harry Britt received overwhelming support from across the city, not just from the lesbian and gay community. Britt received more votes than any other supervisorial candidate and will be the Board of Supervisor's president for the next four years. Pat Norman, a Black lesbian running for the third time, did not fare as well. Her campaign was plagued with a lack

of funds and a fatal non-endorsement from Mayor Art Agnos. She placed eighth overall, two slots short of making it to the Board. She said this would be her last campaign for the Board.

Finally, the battleship *USS Missouri* was voted in by a small margin. The homeporting of the Missouri has caused concern on economic, human rights and environmental grounds for years in San Francisco. A second ballot measure by Mayor Art Agnos would have put the economic burden of the battleship on the Navy, making it impossible for the Missouri to come to San Francisco. However, many leftists said they did not want the Missouri under any conditions.

Despite the depressing results in a host of statewide and local races, San Francisco should look forward to a more liberal slant in city politics in years to come. The election of Britt to president of the Board of Supervisors and the election of two liberals, Terrence Hallinan and Angela Alioto to the Board, should assure the liberal mayor of seven votes, or a majority on the Board, for domestic partner legislation and rent control. "I put a lot of support behind them [the candidates]," Agnos said early Wednesday. "It shows the people like my policies. There has been a clear statement that the liberal mayor is in good shape." □

Protocol 005

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with CNS infection to fill empty protocol slots when it became apparent that the trial was not taking off as planned), one obvious conclusion can be reached: trial 005 was a disaster. It was a disaster for those of us in it — allowed no concurrent medications, subjected to grueling spinal punctures to monitor the spinal fluid, unsure of what the pills we took every four hours contained — and it was a disaster for other people with AIDS, doctors and advocates who desperately need research in this area to yield results. The trial failed, and in doing so also thwarted research efforts in HIV neurology by as much as a year's time.

AZT is now available for those of us with AIDS-related CNS infection, but no hard data exists to guide PWAs and doctors. By insisting on such a cruel protocol design, the researchers who designed it shot themselves in the foot, and as new drugs go into trial it is important that the lessons learned from the 005 disaster be heeded. (Peptide-T, which has shown promise combatting HIV neurological infection by blocking viral proteins thought possibly to be involved in neurotransmission, is now in Phase I of the drug approval process for CNS infection — with a placebo control.)

Because 005 was testing AZT, a drug already approved by the FDA, it didn't slow down release of the drug, but as we move forward with new treatments, disasters like this can *delay drug releases*. And while the FDA can't be blamed for rejecting the data from a trial that only managed to hang onto five patients, it is the FDA that insists that NIAID use placebo controls in the first place. (The chicken-and-egg syndrome in the bureaucracy is beyond baffling and can't be explained here, or elsewhere, very easily.)

Protocol 005 is a shocking example of how bad ethics lead to bad science, with disastrous consequences for seriously ill people. As AIDS research goes forward, many activists hope that it will serve as a useful lesson, and that common sense and compassion will prevail. □

Oregon

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one measure forbidding smoking in restaurants and workplaces, and another requiring motorists to wear seatbelts — apparently on the grounds those laws would infringe upon personal liberties. They also passed a law requiring many repeat offenders to serve full sentences with no possibility of parole. In the presidential race, Michael Dukakis captured Oregon's seven electoral votes, while New Alliance Party candidate Lenora Fulani captured less than 1 percent of the Oregon vote. □



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A gutsy try at new cabaret or Sondheim salad?

Too Many Mornings directed by Tim Kutzmark at Boston's Club Cabaret

Too Many Mornings, a new style cabaret. Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Conceived and directed by Tim Kutzmark. With Jodi Capeless and Paul Hardt. At Club Cabaret, Boston. Closed.

By Christopher Wittke

That wacky Tim Kutzmark! Did the former host of the enormously popular WERS radio Broadway/cabaret program "Encore" really think he could get away with extracting Stephen Sondheim songs from several musicals and stringing them together in an all-new narrative? Give the songs an "urban, contemporary feel?" Base the narrative on "the complexities of emotional relationships in the late Eighties?" He must've — because he recently tried this innovative idea onstage at Club Cabaret. But considering the near-sacred status accorded Sondheim by theater-lovers, he should have known he was in dangerous waters.

Didn't Kutzmark anticipate the critical drubbings he received in the local papers

that precipitated the show's premature closing? Even though I saw the show after the official press opening, *I coulda told him the Globe and Herald were gonna be mean!* And it was with those negative reviews in mind that I sat down to watch *Too Many Mornings*, the end result of three years of workshop presentations of this self-styled "new style cabaret," based on some of Kutzmark's own real life experiences.

What we have here is the story of Charlie and Sally, happily involved in a "contemporary, urban relationship" until Charlie meets Danny. Boy meets girl, then boy meets boy and then girl loses boy. Sort of like *Making Love* set to tunes from *Company*, *Follies*, *Merrily We Roll Along* and a host of other Sondheim works.

Now, your harsher critics have asked why anyone would feel the need to yank these songs that worked so perfectly in their respective shows and place them in an all-new context? They acted as if Kutzmark had created something musically akin to a "Sondheim on 45" collection, with bits of the hits placed here and there. To them I say "phooey!" How godlike is Sondheim anyway?

Okay, pretty godlike, but both Jodi Capeless and Paul Hardt (he having been seen in a cast of *Ten Percent Revue*) had serviceable voices and did justice to the material, especially "Old Friends" and "Sorry-Grateful." They made the most of the narrative, what without any spoken



Jodi Capeless and Paul Hardt

dialogue and all, and it was kind of neat seeing the songs used in a blatantly homosexual context (but that's always been the subtext, hasn't it?).

The problem I had was with the story itself. Charlie doesn't seem to particularly struggle with falling for Danny so much as he does with trying to unload Sally and cause her oodles of pain. He seems like a real asshole, and the implicit reason for this is his homosexuality. When the pair meet up at a party six months later, during the "Old Friends" number, Charlie wishes things "could be just like they were." Really? Sally, of course, knows better, and wholeheartedly promises that she's "in his corner" supporting him. Oh, really? In this instance, the combination of sticking to real-life events, scriptless narrative, and pre-existing song lyrics lead up to a picture of a masochistic straight woman being manipulated by a sadistic and selfish gay guy who takes her emotional support and offers her nothing in return. I'm so tired of coming out stories that tell us how tough it is on other people when we come out to them!

But enough of this quibbling! I sincerely believe it took guts on the part of Kutzmark to create such an unusual grab bag of an evening, success or no. And applause must go to Club Cabaret for nurturing local talent on its stage, a policy I hope will continue. Of course we can always look forward to another of Kutzmark's wonderfully successful *In Praise of Cabaret* reviews at Boston's Lafayette Hotel on November 21st, a straightforward, "old style" cabaret. □

Werewolves, anagrams and life at Mandacrest Manor

Boston's Triangle Theater presents Charles Ludlum's The Mystery of Irma Vep

The Mystery of Irma Vep, a Penny Dreadful. By Charles Ludlum. Directed by Steve O'Donnell, with Steven Auger and Frank Jackson. Presented by Triangle Theater Company at the Paramount Penthouse Theater, 58 Berkeley Street. Thurs. through Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 6pm. Through Nov. 12.

By Paul Dixon

Whether thought being in the woods, sitting around fires, and swatting at mosquitoes was the most fun camp could ever be never saw *The Mystery of Irma Vep*.

This outrageous comedy/mystery/melodrama, by the late Charles Ludlum, depicts life at Mandacrest Manor, home of Lord Edgar and Lady Enid Hillcrest, Nicodemus Underwood (the manservant), Jane Twisden (the

maid), and the late (who else?) Irma Vep Hillcrest, Lord Edgar's first wife who died mysteriously.

As the plot unfolds, we discover that Enid loves Edgar; that Jane also loves Edgar; that Nicodemus loves Enid, but that he also loves Jane. And Edgar? He still loves Irma Vep. And along the way, we also learn a bit about vampires, ancient Egypt, werewolves, and even anagrams.

The plot, however, is just the beginning. What makes the play so funny is Ludlum's inimitable style. His pace is non-stop, as the characters literally run around the stage. He takes swipe after swipe at several institutions, including Gothic romances and some of Shakespeare's most famous lines.

In this production, Ludlum's antic-filled writing receives the energy it needs to work

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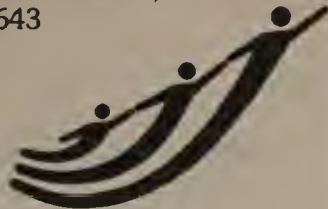
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Irma Vep

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from two sparkling performances by Steven Auger and Frank Jackson, who play all the parts. The two have boundless energy, and they handle the many character and costume changes with great ease and finesse. For example, Jackson will exit stage right as Edgar, and seconds later will enter stage left as Jane. The play is filled with such changes, and Auger and Jackson never miss a cue.

Furthermore, Jackson and Auger have created very distinct characterizations for all the parts they play. While this appears to be easy because the characters are so different, these two actors still deserve credit. They give each character a completely different set of traits: voice, movement, facial expression and hand gestures.

To add to Ludlam's lunacy and the cast's energy, the stage is set with Don Meuse's campy, yet functional set. Meuse manages to create the ideal atmosphere for Ludlam's romp while at the same time using the Paramount's tiny stage to its fullest. He transports the play from Mandacrest Manor to Egypt and back with a well-designed reversible set. The design is simple to move around, yet transforms the stage from an English drawing room to a tomb (complete with some unusual hieroglyphics) in just a few minutes.

And tying this all together is director Steve O'Donnell. He manages to take Ludlam's work and his cast as far as he can without crossing the fine line between humor and bad taste, except, of course, when even that's funny. He keeps the pace going and has made this production flow smoothly.

Finally, dressers Barbara Dooneief Hass and Nancy O'Hearn deserve a pat on the back for helping with the show's myriad costume changes. Without them, the show would probably slow down and lose most of its laughs.

Irma Vep is one evening of camp that definitely won't leave you with poison ivy. □

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cause it refused to officially recognize lesbian and gay student groups. The suit claims the amendment violates the First Amendment which prohibits curbs on free speech and the government's establishment of religion. The council also claims the amend-

ment forces them to reverse a law they had sworn to uphold. No similar legal action has been taken by the council regarding the other congressional measures.

The city has already complied with the restrictions on abortions and is pursuing private funding for appropriations withheld by Congress.

The fate of the insurance legislation remains to be seen. At the time of the congressional actions, the author of the D.C. law restricting insurers, John Ray (D-At large), was in the process of drafting a weaker substitute for consideration by the council. Julius Hobson, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry's liaison to Congress, said in a radio interview that Ray's bill "was working its way through the legislative process that would allow for testing [by insurers].... Congress decided it didn't want to wait for us... so it chose to act on its own. This is not the first [such] problem, and it won't be the last."

U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer agreed with Hobson, saying in a radio interview on WAMU FM that the District's "political leadership is far to the left ... and clearly out of sync with the sense of the American public.... Federal taxpayers across the country will say we're condoning what's going on in the District [if Congress does not overturn the laws in question].... We're going to see more of this confrontation in days to come."

The decision to take up a new bill if Ray introduces one or to comply with the demands of Congress may be addressed at the Nov. 15 meeting of the council.

"Council," said Royster, "has the power to prevent Congress from restricting our rights granted us under the Human Right Act, to restore abortion funding, and assure us that the insurance act continues. That's what we expect Council to do."

Schultz urged lesbians and gay men around the country to protest the actions of Congress by urging their elected representatives to support statehood for the District. At a rally in D.C. commemorating the anniversary of last year's national March on Washington, Schultz told the crowd, "If we as gay and lesbian citizens don't want to have to be looking over our shoulders to find out what the fuck Congress just did to us, the District needs statehood. Brothers and sisters in D.C. need your help."

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support the Rainbow Coalition and work on voter registration and reform. "I would like to add that the media played a racist role in the campaign by reporting election results even before the polls had closed. Early reporting had the effect of discouraging Black voters who already feel they are powerless," said Dunn.

Robert Bray, a lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), admitting he was "trying to look on the bright side of things," said the lesbian and gay community made important gains from the election. "There is some good news," said Bray. "On a first analysis it appears we will increase the number of congressional supporters of the federal gay rights bill from 73 to 80. This gives us some more leverage in fighting for our legislative agenda."

The worst news, commented Bray, is the loss of Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) in his bid for reelection to the Senate. He said Weicker was an "irreplaceable asset to the community," who had a 100 percent voting record on lesbian and gay issues. Not only did Weicker have a pro-gay voting record, but he was one of the few senators who was willing to stand up to homophobic attacks on the community from right-wing Sens. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.). Weicker recently told the Senate that the Helms amendment prohibiting federal funding of AIDS educational material that "promotes homosexuality" is an amendment that "comes from the sewer and should be sent back to the sewer." He also was one of the strongest proponents of progressive AIDS legislation. Weicker was defeated by former Connecticut attorney General Joseph Lieberman, a Democrat who ran at Weicker from the right. Bray said Lieberman is a moderate democrat who has no record on lesbian and gay issues.

Weicker's campaign was heavily funded by HRCF, which contributed \$10,000 and a full-time staff person — the maximum allowed by law.

The outcome of the presidential election came as less of a shock to activists. Bray said despite Bush's conservative campaign rhetoric the president-elect would be "more engaged" than Ronald Reagan on AIDS issues. He cited Bush's endorsement of anti-discrimination protections for people with AIDS in the federal government, his support of the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on HIV and his recent proposal to speed the Food and Drug Administration's drug approval process. "Most of this is clearly campaign rhetoric. But with the support of a Democratic Congress, I am hopeful we will be able to work with him," said Bray.

Jeff Levi, executive director of the Lesbian and Gay Task Force, also predicted Bush would be better than Reagan on AIDS. "Even with the election of Bush we have reached the end of a terrible era. At least Bush is engaged and understands the issues.... He will appoint a more moderate cabinet." He added that the right-wing would have less influence in Congress. Rep. William Dannemeyer's (R-Calif.) AIDS-phobic legislation will be easier to stop in the House now that Proposition 102 — sponsored by Dannemeyer — was defeated, said Levi. "Dannemeyer can no longer stand up and tell the House that they are out of touch with their constituents on AIDS when his own state overwhelmingly rejected his AIDS policy."

Other lesbian and gay activists were less optimistic. Jean O'Leary, executive director of the National Gay Rights Activists and one of the four openly gay members of the 350 member Democratic National Committee (DNC), told *GCN* "I am very disappointed that Dukakis didn't win. We would have made great strides with Dukakis. I am not sure how far we can get with Bush." She said the lesbian and gay community has a long way to go before it becomes a force in presidential elections. She advocated "coming out" and increased lesbian and gay visibility in electoral politics. "A constituency is only as powerful as its ability to affect an election. We must become stronger," said O'Leary.

Christine Riddiough, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs of America (GLDCA), said she believes the Bush administration could be "devastating" for the lesbian and gay community. She predicted Bush could get as many as three appointments to the Supreme Court, which would make it "virtually impossible" to overturn *Hardwick v. Bowers*, the decision that upheld Georgia's sodomy

law. She also said Bush is likely to continue Reagan's neglect of the AIDS epidemic.

The challenge for GLCDA, which represents 50 lesbian and gay Democratic clubs that have a total of 10,000 members, is to influence the direction of the Democratic party, Riddiough continued. "We have to stop the party's drift away from so-called special interest groups. The Democrats need more of a focus on women, Blacks and lesbians and gay men. Dukakis pulled up in the last few weeks because he finally supported a liberal program. This is the progressive direction we should go in." She added that the DNC will elect a chairperson before the end of the year. She said many members of GLCDA are pushing for a Jackson supporter to be elected to the post. Paul Kirk, the current chairperson, is opposed to making minority concerns central to the party's platform in 1992.

ACT NOW, a national coalition of AIDS activist groups, plans to express its anger at the election of George Bush by staging a demonstration at the presidential inauguration in January. For more information, see upcoming issues of *GCN*. □

JoAnn Loulan

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humorous and informational approach.

I am not sure what to say about Loulan's main thesis — that internalized homophobia hinders us dykes from being sexual. It seems like an obvious and important point that the homophobia we grow up with and are faced with daily makes it difficult to feel good about our relationships, sexually and otherwise.

Loulan takes the idea one step further, talking about a "secret, unconscious pact" we make with ourselves and our families. The pact: in return for increasing societal and familial acceptance of our lives and our partners, we will be "good girls," acting more like friends than sexual partners in public, and even in private we won't do the dirty stuff that makes the hets so uncomfortable — i.e., sex.

I like that Loulan acknowledges the subtle effects of homophobia on those of us who are out at work and/or with our families. I am just not sure it is so simple, or that her message is useful. Why is it, for example, that gay men have a lot more sex than lesbians (assuming you believe Loulan's and other researchers' findings) if homophobia is the major problem?

And I have to wonder if all her emphasis on "sex, sex, we all have to be having more sex" is really helpful to most lesbians in long-term relationships. It could be that this focus adds more pressure — and mixed messages. We grew up in a het culture which alternates between telling us "be hot, keep your man interested," and "be a good girl, don't be a slut." We also live in lesbian subcultures that alternately tell us "have nice sex and don't recreate the power imbalances of the patriarchy" and "shed your uptight heterosexist upbringing, see all the new lesbian porn, and fuck all the time."

Her theories may have come off a little too pat for me, but I love that Loulan raised all this for discussion. And wow, was she funny, this woman dressed as what I call a "California-comfortable femme" — silky, billowing baby blue dress, sparkling dangly earrings, thick, long curly hair, and soft flat shoes.

I especially got a kick out of Loulan's indignant ragging on all those boring men who talk your ear off on airplanes and then briefly ask you what you do; she told us she's dying to proclaim, "I go to towns and cities all over and talk to women about putting their fingers in each other's pussies!" She suggested we all "work on homophobia in a behavioral way, by insulting at least ten people a day with our lesbianism." "I'll do your relatives," she suggested, "and you do mine."

In another high point, Loulan teased the audience with descriptions of different phases in a dyke relationship, like the LIP (Lesbian Insanity Period) when "you live for her pubic hair right here in front of your face."

While I hope Loulan educates herself and her audience better about AIDS, and continues to expand and deepen her theories about lesbian sex (finding a better way to balance her therapist self with her performer self), I encourage dykes to go see her. She's fun and she's provocative. As they say, laughter is the key to survival, as is talking about and having sex — with each woman deciding for herself how often and in what context to do it. □

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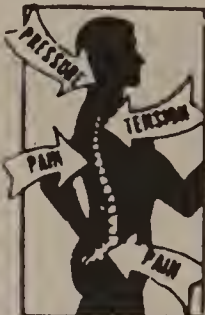
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Be aware that the highest concentrations of HIV (the virus widely thought to cause AIDS) are found in blood and semen. The most common routes of HIV transmission are through sharing needles and unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse.

GCN's guidelines come from a wide variety of sources aimed at various communities concerned about the AIDS epidemic and health in general. We want to confront the prevailing "no sex is best" attitude and present an approach that is as sex-positive as possible.

Information for gay male, lesbian and bisexual communities

Safer sex can include: massage, hugging, kissing, erotic talk, phone sex, masturbation (solo, pairs and groups), using your own vibrators, dildos or other sex toys and s/m, butch/fem role-playing, fantasy scenes, bondage and other activities that do not involve the exchange of semen or blood (including menstrual blood).

Do not allow a partner's semen or blood (including menstrual blood and blood drawn from piercing, cutting or shaving) to enter your vagina, anus, mouth or breaks in your skin.

Use condoms for fucking (anal and vaginal intercourse), for licking/sucking penises and for covering dildos and other sex toys. Use water-based lubricants. Use latex barriers (dental dams or other plastic/latex materials) between the genital area and mouth when licking/sucking cunts and assholes. Be especially careful to avoid the exchange of menstrual blood. Using nonoxynol-9 or other spermicides with condoms and latex barriers may add extra protection.

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penetration with fingers or hands), use latex gloves or finger cots. Use water-based lubricants.

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Be aware that some risk of exposure to immune-suppressing infections (such as mono and amoebiasis) may be associated with rimming (anal-oral contact) — use a latex barrier. Risk may also be associated with watersports (urine) or feces in the mouth, rectum or in open cuts. If you share dildos, vibrators or other sex toys, use condoms or clean toys with hydrogen peroxide.

Your body's ability to fight all disease, including AIDS and its related illnesses (such as Kaposi's Sarcoma and pneumocystis carinii pneumonia), may be benefitted by general good health — good nutrition, lots of rest, exercise and nonabuse of alcohol, poppers and other drugs.

If you use IV drugs, follow the guidelines below.

Intravenous drug use

Do not share works (needles, syringes, droppers, spoons, cottons or cookers).

Do not re-use needles; use fresh cottons each time.

If you must share or re-use your works, clean them as follows: dip needle and works into 100 percent bleach, draw up and release three times, dip needle and works into water, draw up and release three times (in an emergency, rubbing alcohol, vodka or wine can also be used). As an alternative, boil works in water for at least fifteen minutes. Use a fresh solution each time you clean your works.

Resource phone numbers

National AIDS Hotline: 1 (800) 342-7514
AIDS Action Committee (AAC) Boston: (617) 536-7733
Latino AIDS Hotline (bilingual), Boston: (617) 262-7248
AIDS Action Committee (AAC) IV Drug Use Taskforce, Boston: (617) 437-4200
Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), New York: (212) 807-6655
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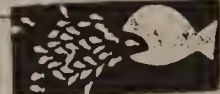
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The prisoners with AIDS, the HIVs here and I myself have receive a lot of insight concerning AIDS thanks to GCN and the concerned people there. Here in Georgia where racial hate has always been the issue, I have used my legal knowledge to change the system where possible. Now AIDS is here and even the PWAs families are turning away, and then they are locked away from everyone else and dogged out by guards and other anti-prisoner inmates.

They trash about us but we are sticking together and asking for some books each month from GCN which we hope people who are concerned on the outside will donate. I want to make sure that this year these guys get something for the holidays, which is why I wrote this letter early. Books usually must come from publishers or bookstores so send your books to GCN for the PWAs. Thank you. Arthur GOULD, PO Box EF-114438, Reidsville GA 30499. (Letters of support are also very welcome.)



Gay male very lonely would love to hear from some caring guys out there. Love to clean house and do many things together (including sex) So cum on guys write me a line please. Richard NICHOLS, PO Box 629-64084, Florence AZ 85232.

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I'm not the kind of guy who goes around looking for men just to have sex with. I like men for sharing and caring and exchanging each other's ideas. But I would have to go out with someone for quite a while before I'd have sex. I would be most indebted to you if you could find me a penpal. I do get lonely for mail. Timothy GILLETTE, 86A 2153, Box AG, Fallsburg NY 12733

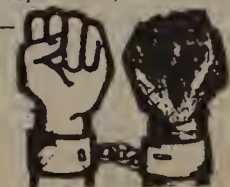
I am a very loyal type and now that my ex-lover has gone for someone else, I will too. I'm hoping to find someone who will be as serious as I'll be. I'm a libra and would like to leave this state when I'm released. Tracy VAUGHN, PO Box B-39443, Florence AZ 85232.



I am a healthy black woman who is looking for a sincere woman to correspond with. Over 30 preferred. Cynthia WILCOX, 150370, Box 147 Lowell FL 32663

I am a 31 yr old, very intelligent black woman. To tell the truth it would be nice to have someone to correspond with to help me remember that there is some freedom somewhere. My hobbies are all sports and making love. I have no hangups about race because I was raised up with a beautiful mother who taught me well. Arindia SMITH, A320543, Box 7—Forrest Hill, Boyer Cottage, Lowell FL 32663.

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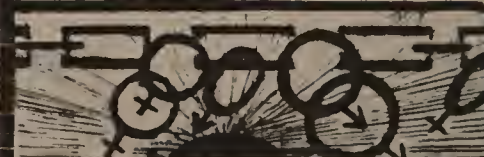
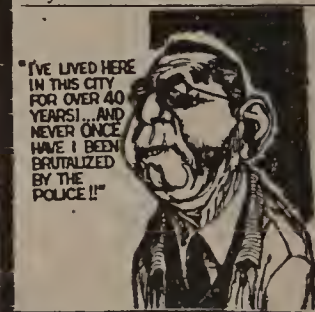


I'm looking for a good-looking HUNK of a man. My drag name is Carla, but I'm going undercover with the name Hootie (but my man can call me Carla). I've been gay since 14. I'm looking for a real man, not a pimp. I love mussels and large dicks. Please write Carl BOYD, 374773, Rt I Box 150, Tennessee Colony TX 75861.

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Hi! I'm 33, golden brown complexion, independent thinker and a very sensitive caring individual. I'm searching for a serious minded person who will share thoughts with me. Let's get together and stimulate each other. Eddie Lee FOSTER, AIS:143404 (I-50T), 100 Warrior Lane, Bessemer AL 35023.

I'm looking for gay guys and girls to write to and get to know each other. My hobbies are working out and meeting new kinds of people all over. Glen MOLER, 42953, Box 2, Lansing KS 66043.



Calendar

18 Friday ☐ Singer/songwriter Erica Wheeler performs original music at the Modern Times Cafe. Info: 617/354-8371.

Please note: Calendar listings must be received by the Monday before the week of the event. Photos with listings are encouraged.

12 Saturday

Boston ☐ South East Gay and Lesbian (SEGAL) **Country Dance Series**. First Church (Unitarian-Universalist) of Jamaica Plain, Corner of Centre and Eliot Sts. 8-11pm. \$5. Info: Chris 401/31-0822.

Boston ☐ **T.J. Burnside** plays folk music of the future. Arlington Street Church Coffeehouse, corner of Arlington and Boylston Sts. 8-11pm. \$3.50 suggested donation. Info: Lori 617/547-5209.

Boston ☐ **The New England Regional Gay/Lesbian Student Conference '88** at Boston University. Topics: regional/national networking, getting media attention, organizing alumnae groups and fundraising — followed by a dance. B.U. College of Basic Studies, 871 Commonwealth Ave. 9am-5pm (dance at 9pm). \$5 (\$7 at door). Info: 617/353-9808.

Boston ☐ **The Chiltern Mountain Club** will sponsor a 44 mile bike ride around Sebago Lake in Maine with a stop at "Witch's Cove" (bring lunch). 10am. Info: Gene 207/646-3534.

Boston ☐ Join **Girth and Mirth** for the Fall Pep Rally at 74 Joy St., Beacon Hill. 8-10pm. Info: Joe 617/926-5827.

Cambridge ☐ Jon Lipsky's play **Dreaming with an AIDS Patient** will be performed at the Counterpoint Theater Co. at 761 Harrison Ave. Info: 617/267-9815.

13 Sunday

Brookline ☐ **Am Tikva** presents a screening of "Not All Parents Are Straight." Please bring something sweet. All welcome. Workmen's Circle, 1762 beacon St. Green line "T". 11:15am-1:30pm.

Boston ☐ Jamaica Plain **Lesbian and Gay Neighbors** potluck. First Church (Unitarian-Universalist) Centre and Eliot Sts. 4-7pm. Info: Kenn 617/524-8337 or Margaret 617/524-8070.

Somerville ☐ **Somerville/Medford/Arlington Lesbian Potluck** — cards and board games 2-6pm; potluck 6pm. Info: 617/628-7487.

Cambridge ☐ Leslea Newman reads from her books **A Letter to Harvey Milk** and **Love Me Like You Mean It**. Open to all. Light refreshments. New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St. 3-5pm. Free. Info: 617/876-5310.

Boston ☐ **Chiltern Mountain Club** will sponsor a beginner level hike up Mt. Cutler in southern Maine. Info: Michael 617/522-9194 or 207/646-3534.

Cambridge ☐ **Newoman Potluck Dinner** and movie "Crimes of the Heart." 6pm potluck, 8pm movie. The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7pm. Info: 354-8807.

Watertown ☐ **Eat and dance at GLOW's** fourth anniversary potluck party. Old Cambridge Baptist Church. 6:30-10:30pm.

Cambridge ☐ **Men of All Colors Together** discuss "Where Do We Go from Here: Fashioning the Tools of Change" at Harvard Yard's Phillips Brooks House. All welcome. 1-5pm. Info: 617/266-4378.

14 Monday

Boston ☐ Rally to support the **Gay Rights Bill** sponsored by the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Mass. ACT OUT. In front of the Statehouse. 5pm. Info: 617/661-7737.

15 Tuesday

Brookline ☐ Jewish Family and Children's Service is offering a discussion for **people who have a friend, a loved one or a family member with AIDS**. 637 Washington St., Suite 100. 7:30 pm. Info: 617/566-5716.

Boston ☐ Sheila Spicer from the Boston Veteran's Center will speak to **New England Gay and Lesbian Veterans**. The Piemonte Room, Boston City Hall. 7-10pm. Info: 617/723-8127.

Boston ☐ **AIDS Healing Service** at King's Chapel. Interpreted for the hearing impaired. Reception to follow. School and Tremont Sts. 7:30pm. Info: 617/227-2155.

16 Wednesday

Boston ☐ **Action Alert Lobby Day** for the Housing Bill of Rights for Disabled Persons. Nurses Hall, State House. (wheelchair accessible) 10:30 am. Info: 617/727-7440 Voice/TDD. or 1-800/322-2020.

Boston ☐ Club Cabaret presents **Alfonso Vilallonga** and **Cabaret Rose**. Shows through Saturday. 209 Columbus Ave. 8:00 \$10 and \$12.

17 Thursday

Boston ☐ **GCN's production night**. All welcome. Proofreading starts at 5pm. Paste-up after 7pm. 62 Berkeley St., near Arlington & Back Bay T-stops. **GCN** 617/426-4469.

Boston ☐ Several lesbians and gay men present **testimony in support of the Gay Rights Bill**. This will be followed by a press conference. Nurses Hall, State House. 12:30-1:30pm. Info: 617/661-7737.

18 Friday

Boston ☐ **GCN mailing**. Come help stuff the paper and meet new friends. 5pm to 10pm. Near Arlington and Back Bay T-stops. Info: GCN 617/426-4469.

Cambridge ☐ Music and Poetry with **Helen Cohane** and **Karen Friedland** at the Women's Coffeehouse. The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. Info: 617/354-8807.

Portsmouth, NH ☐ **Lucie Blue Tremblay** and **Patty Larkin** will perform in a benefit concert for the Feminist Health Center of Portsmouth. Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St. 8pm. \$13.50, \$15 (door). Info: 207/676-9658.

Cambridge ☐ Miriam Patsanza from Zimbabwe will present her films **Woman Cry** and **Beyond Today**. Room 34-101, 50 Vassar St., MIT. 7pm.

Cambridge ☐ **Erica Wheeler**, Mass. singer/songwriter will perform at Modern Times. 134 Hampshire. 9pm.

19 Saturday

Boston ☐ Tenth Anniversary celebration benefit for **Gay and Lesbian Advocate Defenders (GLAD)**. Fashion show, door prizes and swing dance with g/l band Cheek to Cheek. The Metropolitan Health Club, 209 Columbus Ave. 9-midnight. \$15. Info: 617/426-1350.

Boston ☐ **Chiltern Mountain Club's** annual meeting. Workshops at noon, potluck supper and slideshow later. Info: Lisa 617/288-3141, Larry 617/275-1336.

Boston ☐ **Prime Timers**, an organization for older gay men, sponsors Jeff Epperly of "Bay Windows" on "The Gay Press." Lindemann Health Center, 25 Staniford St. 2-4pm. \$1. Info: Box 352, Reading, MA 01867.

Brookline ☐ Game Night at **Am Tikva**. Please bring something sweet. All welcome. Workmen's Circle, 1762 Beacon St. Green line "T". 11:15am-1:30pm.

Cambridge ☐ **Boston Bisexual Women's/Men's Networks'** monthly dim sum brunch. Meet under the arch at Chinatown at 10:45 am, average cost \$6-8. Women and men welcome. Info: 617/247-6683.

Northampton ☐ The S/M video and Social Night with **SHELIX**, a support group for Lesbians and Bisexual women. 8pm. \$2 donation. Info: 413/584-7616.

Somerville ☐ Singer/songwriter **Connie Caldor** in concert. Laura Berkson opens. Somerville Theater, 8pm. \$12, \$14. ASL-interpreted. Info: 617/661-1252.

20 Sunday

Boston ☐ Femme Core Space presents the **Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Independent Video and Super "8" Festival**. 464 Harrison Ave. Noon (women only), 4pm (mixed audience). \$3-5. Advance reservations required; no wheelchair access. Tickets: 1-741-0790.

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Cambridge ☐ **Alliance of Mass. Asian Lesbians and Gay Men** presents a video from CelebrAsian '88 and AMALGAM theater group activities. Paradise, 180 Mass. Ave. 2-5pm. \$2 donation. All welcome. Info: 617/288-7632.

Cambridge ☐ **Hard-Hatted Women: Stories of Struggle and Success in the Trades**. Join editor Molly Maryin and local contributor Susan Eisenberg at New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St. 3-5 pm. Free and open to all. Info: 617/876-5310.

Lowell ☐ **Gay in the Merrimac Valley** potluck discussion on alcohol and drug abuse in the gay community with Jeff Sunshine. First Grace Fellowship Hall (Unitarian), 79 Florence Ave. 6-10 pm. Info: David 508/452-4686.

22 Tuesday

Boston ☐ Quilting Bee for the **NAMES Project** — you don't have to sew, just come and be a part. Arlington St. Church, Arlington and Boylston Sts. 6-9pm. Info: 617/451-9003.

23 Wednesday

Boston ☐ General meeting for the **NAMES Project**. Next major event, World AIDS day, 12/1. Piemonte Room, Boston City Hall. 7pm. Info: 617/451-9003.

Cambridge ☐ **"Say it, Sister!"** presents Haitian women's music. Host: Elsie Surena. WMBR, 88.1FM. 7-8pm.

25 Friday

Providence, RI ☐ South East Gay and Lesbian (SEGAL) **Country Dance Series**. Turkey trot dance. Bring a dessert. Body Lab, 568 S. Main St. 8-11 pm. \$5.

Weekly Events

Saturday

Boston ☐ **Living With AIDS Theatre Project** workshop to collect AIDS-related experiences and stories for theater music piece. No performance experience necessary. Club Cabaret, 209 Columbus Ave. 10:30am.

Boston ☐ Boston Area Women's Self-Defense Collective offers **Women's Self-Defense Classes** for women of all ages and abilities. Weds. eves and Sat. afternoons in the South End. Info: 617/574-9433.

Boston ☐ **Gay Boston**, a cable program with Candace Van Auken. Boston Neighborhood Network, channels A3 and A8. 7:30-8pm.

Boston ☐ **Body Electric**: Healing with group sensual massage for gay and bisexual men meets at 551 Tremont St. \$12. Info: 617/522-9164.

Sunday

Boston ☐ Metro Healing presents **healing group** for everyone. Metropolitan Health Club aerobics room, 209 Columbus Ave. 7:30-9:30pm. Info: Boston's Healing Circle Hotline 617/426-9205.

Allston ☐ **Lesbian volleyball**. All skills welcome. Coached drills and scrimmage. Through November. West End House, 105 Allston St. 2:30-5:30pm. \$2. Info: Ann 617/524-4884.

Boston ☐ **"Boston's Other Voice,"** a radio program for the gay and lesbian community. With host Peter Stickel. On 11/13, Ann Sanders, Mayor Flynn's Liaison to the Gay Community; 11/20, President of New England Gay and Lesbian Veterans, Cliff Arnesen. WROR 98.5 FM. 11:30pm.

Monday

Boston ☐ **Women's Rugby Club** fall practice every Monday and Wednesday, 6-8pm. No experience necessary. Info: Mel 617/536-4943, message 617/932-5401.

Cambridge ☐ **Lesbian Rap**. Topics: 11/14, "Internalized Homophobia"; 11/21, "Recovering from Rape." The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 8-10pm. Free. Info: 617/354-8807 (TTY/voice).

Tuesday

Boston ☐ **Lesbian and Gay Concert and Marching Band**. No auditions. YWCA, 120 Clarendon St. 7:15 p.m. Info: Joe 617/625-3304, Zoe 617/396-2989.

Providence, RI ☐ **ACT-UP/Rhode Island** has meetings open to the public. Rocket, 73 Richmond St. 7pm. ACT-UP/RI, PO Box 3156, Wayland Square Station, Providence, RI 02906. Info: Bill 617/782-9063.

Roxbury ☐ **ACT UP/Boston** meets to confront the AIDS crisis. Room 345, Bldg. 3, Roxbury Community College. 7:30pm. Info: 617/49-ACT-UP.

Cambridge ☐ **Bisexual Women's Rap**. The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7:30-10pm. Free. Info: 617/354-8807 (TTY/voice).

Wednesday

Boston ☐ **Women's Self-Defense Classes** for women of all ages and abilities. See Sat. listing.

Cambridge ☐ **Lesbian Al-Anon** with childcare. The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 6:30-8pm. Free. Info: 617/354-8807 (TTY/voice).

Brookline ☐ Boston Committee Determined to Free Sharon Kowalski meets. Boston Self-Help Center, 18 Williston Rd. 7pm. Info: 617/661-0533.

Cambridge ☐ **MASS ACT OUT** meeting. M.I.T., Building 66, Rm. 126. 7:30pm. Info: 617/661-7737.

Boston ☐ **Women's Rugby Club**. See Monday listing.

Friday

Worcester ☐ AIDS Project — Worcester **support group** meets for HIV positive, PWA's, PWARC's, lovers, friends, and the worried well. 51 Jackson St. 7-9pm. Info: Dana 508/755-3773.

Boston ☐ **Healing group** for everyone. Santa Fe Hair Salon, 528 Tremont St. 7:30-9:30pm. Info: Boston's Healing Circle Hotline 617/426-9205.

Cambridge ☐ **Women's Coffeehouse** 11/11: "Trying on Another Woman's Skin": poetry and storytelling by Stacie Mannelli. 11/25: Readings by Seattle Native American writer Chrystos. The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 8pm-midnight. Info: 617/354-8807 (TTY/voice).

An evening of lesbian sex education and comedy with **JoAnn Loulan**. The Somerville Theatre, Somerville, Mass. November 4.

By Laurie Sherman

Using selective memory, I tend to think of myself as above "dyke drama" — you know, when dyke A has an affair with dyke B, who turns out to be the ex-lover of dyke A's current lover, dyke C, who is beside herself with lust for dyke A's younger sister ... However, on my way to review JoAnn Loulan's evening of sex education and comedy, I was reminded of a time in my not-sordid-enough past when I landed smack in the center of dyke drama land.

It was, in fact, on the occasion of Loulan's last appearance in Boston about two years ago. I had gone to her talk that year and showed up the next day for her workshop on lesbian sex. Now, I knew my ex-lover would be going to the workshop, too. Hey, we were hip: we had been broken up for three whole months, we were friends (as all good lesbian ex-lovers are), and we each respected the other's right to go to any public event she wanted — you know, all that bullshit.

So, okay, my ex-lover and I were going to be in a room with 40 other lesbians talking about sex all day long. The only catch: she mentioned *just before* the sex workshop that she and one of my closest friends were doing it. She explained that she wasn't really worried about telling me, since I initiated the break-up; and besides, she knew I was fine about "things like that." Oh. Okay.

Happily, JoAnn was a little less loaded for me this time around, although I did decide to skip the workshop and just head for the evening of hot talk. I wanted to hear what the author of *Lesbian Sex and Lesbian Passion* had to say these days.

And she accomplished a lot in her talk/performance: making the audience laugh and loosen up about sexual inhibitions (starting with "Let's just get it all out now; let's say pussy, vag juice, anal sex, licking, sucking and smelling, okay?"), exploring some reasons our sex may not be as frequent or as rich as we'd like, and throwing in some AIDS education and awareness about body image and physiology. All in two hours, to a crowd of

700 lesbians say 'pussy'

Sex therapist/comedian JoAnn Loulan is provocative, weak on AIDS



JoAnn Loulan

over 700.

Loulan was good, much funnier and more engaging than I had expected, and the crowd showed their agreement with a standing ovation at the end. I have a few complaints, however. First, AIDS.

As soon as Loulan brought up the subject (a ways into the evening), I tensed and said

to my lover, "If she tries to do AIDS in five minutes, I am going to be really offended." Yet I knew if she didn't try to do AIDS at all I would be just as ticked. Actually, Loulan "did AIDS" in more like 20 minutes, and included a wonderfully funny and helpful demonstration of safer sex techniques on stage (on top of clothes, of course) with the

help of gutsy audience volunteers.

I am concerned, however, that she raised more anxiety than she quelled. In her desire to shake lesbians out of our collective denial, she implied that many lesbians have AIDS, without clarifying that virtually all of them contracted it as a result of IV drug use (although sexual transmission may be possible). She didn't mention preventing the spread of AIDS by not sharing needles or by bleaching or rinsing the needles.

And while the safer sex demos were fun, she never explained what body fluids are dangerous and how HIV might be transmitted sexually. Other audience members told me they would have liked to see a demo of how to negotiate safer sex with a new partner.

Loulan's most blatant snafu was constantly referring to the test for HIV antibodies as "the AIDS test." For readers who are confused, let me explain.

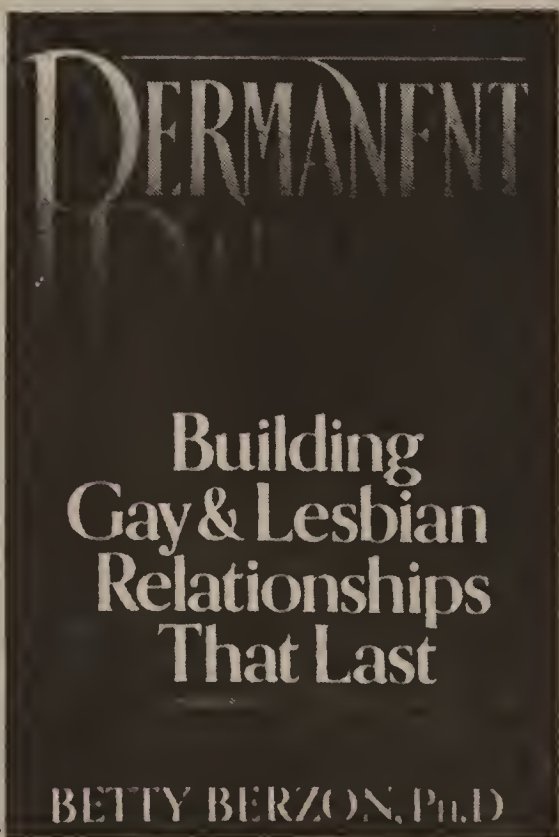
THERE IS NO AIDS TEST. AIDS is not something you can detect in the blood. AIDS is a name given to the situation of having an immune system deteriorated to the point where your body cannot fight off disease. Most researchers believe that a person's immune system deteriorates slowly (leading to AIDS) as a result of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). So, the only test used widely now is the test for HIV antibodies, a test which shows whether or not you have been exposed to HIV. People who test positive do not necessarily have AIDS; many are perfectly healthy for several years, and a few may never even develop AIDS. People mistakenly believe that a positive test result means they have AIDS and will get sick and die immediately, and Loulan's error bolsters this misconception. In addition, it is important that we not refer to the test for HIV as "the AIDS test" because of all the discrimination faced by people with AIDS.

I also was annoyed by the number of times JoAnn seemed to slip into her therapist role, lowering and softening her voice, and talking about the hurt child inside each of us. While I don't dispute the idea of the hurt, raising the issue in a performance setting made it feel a bit like pop group-psychanalysis. I don't think it worked for her to mix probing psych pieces with a generally

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